

(4-23619,1)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Frank E. Woodard, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1924, for S² NW¹ Sec 17 S¹ E¹ E¹ Sec 16 R. 30 E. 17 N. testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Ans. Frank E. Woodard 32 33 St. Office. Farmington Scotts Bluff Co

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?

Ans. I am was born in the state of Ohio

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1924, at the St. Louis land office on the 11 day of

September 1892, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. S² NW¹ Sec 17 S¹ E¹ E¹ Sec 16 R. 30 E. 17 N. Township 20 Range 57 N. 30 E. 17 N. I am the same identical person

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. I commenced building Dec. 21 1892 and made residence the same time. I have a 10 x 12 ft. shed with a board roof 16 x 26 ft. Barn 16 x 26 ft. and a cattle shed 12 x 24 ft. with a board roof 16 x 26 ft. Value of all \$1500.

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. I am not married now. Father + Mother live with me and where I was born.

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. I have been on the land all the time except a week or so at a time when I was away at school.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. I cultivated 12 A. in 1892, 30 A. in 1893, in 1894, 40 A. in 1895, 40 A. in 1896, 40 A. in 1897, 91, 90

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. It is not in the limits of any incorporated town or city or village or used in any way for trade or business.

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. Ordinary prairie land most valuable for farming or grazing.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals, of any kind, on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. There are no indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land.

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. I have not.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. I have not sold, conveyed or mortgaged any of said land.

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. I have no personal property elsewhere.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25 day of Jan 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by his officer-taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five year) homestead cases.)